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Department of Environmental Quality  
Public Participation Guidelines

Dear Mr. Paylor:

I have reviewed the revised public participation guidelines adopted by the Department of Environmental Quality. These are consistent with the Model Public Participation Guidelines prepared by the Department of Planning and Budget.

In my view the Department has the authority to adopt these regulations in order to exercise its authority under various programs such as those required by § 58.1-3661 and § 62.1-195.1 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Adoption of these regulations as exempt from the operation of Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act, §§ 2.2-4006, *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*, was authorized by HB 1167/SB734, Chapters 321 and 575 respectively of the 2008 Acts of Assembly.

If you need more please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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cc: Cindy Berndt, Department of Environmental Quality  
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